

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claim 6-7, 13-15.

Kindly add new claims 21-23.

AMENDED CLAIMS

Claim 1. (currently amended): A method of making a non-slip nocoat drywall corner product for finishing drywall wallboard joints comprising the steps of:

extruding an elongated semi-rigid support member with a continuously co-extruded finishing layer to form a pair of flanges, said support member having a centerline and two edges, said support member having a grooved hinge running end-to-end along said centerline, whereby said flanges fold about said grooved hinge to match any wall joint angle, said co-extruded finishing layer being of fibrous material and covering an outer surface of said semi-rigid member, said finishing layer directly receiving paint or texture without sanding;

producing on an inner surface of said semi-rigid support member a plurality of protrusions, said

protrusions forming a wave pattern or a cross-hatch pattern, said protrusions penetrating into wet drywall mud between said drywall corner product and said wallboard, whereby said corner product resists slipping while said drywall mud dries.

Claim 2. (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said flanges taper from a maximum thickness along said centerline to a minimum thickness along said edges.

Claim 3. (currently amended): The method of claim [2] 1 wherein said co-extruded finishing layer extends beyond the edges of said semi-rigid support member.

Claim 4. (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said co-extruded finishing layer is cup stock paper.

Claim 5. (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said semi-rigid member is high impact polystyrene.

Claims 6-7. (cancelled).

Claim 8. (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said protrusions are pointed.

Claim 9. (currently amended): A drywall corner finishing product of the type used to finish drywall corner seams in modern construction comprising a semi-rigid plastic member co-extruded with a finishing paper layer on an external surface, the paper layer prepared to directly receive paint or texture after the product is installed, the semi-rigid member having a patter of protrusions in a wavelike or cross-hatch patter on an interior surface, the semi-rigid member also being tapered from a maximum thickness along its centerline to a minimum thickness along its edges.

Claim 10. (original): The drywall corner finishing product of claim 9 wherein the semi-rigid member is high impact polystyrene.

Claim 11. (currently amended): The drywall corner finishing product of claim 9 wherein the finishing layer is cup stock paper.

Claim 12. (original): The drywall corner finishing product of claim 9 wherein the paper finishing layer extends beyond the edges of the semi-rigid member.

Claims 13-15. (cancelled).

Claim 16. (original): A process for producing a nocoat finishing product comprising the steps of:

co-extruding a plastic layer and finishing paper layer to form an elongated semi-rigid structural piece, said structural piece having a plastic back and a finishing paper front, said finishing paper front prepared to directly receive paint or texture;

producing protrusions on said plastic back, whereby said structural piece can be held in place by wet drywall mud.

Claim 17. (original): The method of claim 16 wherein said plastic layer is high-impact plastic.

Claim 18. (original): The method of claim 16 wherein said finishing paper is cup stock paper.

Claim 19. (original): The method of claim 16 wherein said protrusions are pointed.

Claim 20. (original): The method of claim 16 wherein said protrusions form a cross-hatch pattern.

Claim 21. (new): The method of claim 16 wherein said protrusions form a wave pattern.

Claim 22. (new): The method of claim 16 wherein said protrusions run from edge to edge on said plastic back.

Claim 23. (new): The method of claim 16 wherein said protrusions run lengthwise along said plastic back.